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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached document listed on the accompanying "IDS List of References" (a substitute for Form PTO/SB/08) is hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

The presently submitted U.S. patent document—Cite No. U1 on the IDS List of References—was cited in a communication from the Chinese Patent Office in a counterpart Chinese application.

In addition to the reference presently being submitted, the Chinese Patent Office also cited two other references, JP 2001-257432 and CN 1447448, listed as Cited Documents 2 and 3 in its communication. Cited Document 3 is the Chinese publication of an application corresponding to a family-member Japanese application published as JP 2003-277195, which is believed by Applicant to correspond completely to its Chinese counterpart. Because Japanese Pat. App. Pub. Nos. JP 2001-257432 and JP 2003-277195 have already been submitted in the instant case, in an IDS dated September 21, 2006, Cited Document 2 is, and Cited Document 3 is believed to be, cumulative to material already made of record, and thus neither reference is being submitted here.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

For the Examiner's reference, an English summary of the CPO communication, as provided in a letter by Applicant's representative in Applicant's counterpart Chinese application, is being submitted herewith. (A copy of the CPO communication in its entirety follows the letter from Applicant's Chinese representative.)

STATEMENT AS SPECIFIED IN 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider this reference, and to indicate so on the accompanying IDS List of References and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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